CITY OF LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS Annual Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Leominster, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Leominster, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005 (except for the Leominster Contributory Retirement System which is as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004), which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Leominster's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Leominster, as of June 30, 2005 (except the Leominster Contributory Retirement System which is as of December 31, 2004), and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis appearing on the following pages and the supplementary information appearing on page 42 are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Leominster's basic financial statements. The special revenue fund budgetary comparison information appearing on pages 28 and 43 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the City of Leominster, Massachusetts. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 23, 2005 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Melanson Keath + Company, P.C.

Greenfield, Massachusetts

December 23, 2005

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the City of Leominster, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Leominster for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

A. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City of Leominster's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

<u>Government-Wide Financial Statements</u>. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

<u>Fund financial statements</u>. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are maintained as follows:

Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among various functions. Specifically, internal services funds are used to account for self-insured employee health programs and workers compensation activities. Because these services predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

<u>Fiduciary funds</u>. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

<u>Notes to the financial statements</u>. The notes provide additional information that are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

<u>Other information</u>. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which is required to be disclosed by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*.

B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$ 129,440,013 (i.e., net assets), an increase of \$ 16,119,713 in comparison to the prior year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 21,843,959, an increase of \$ 17,739,402 in comparison with the prior year.

- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$7,192,872, an increase of \$1,468,544 in comparison with the prior year.
- Total long-term debt (i.e., bonds payable) at the close of the current fiscal year was \$ 31,485,681, an increase of \$ 251,561 in comparison to the prior year.

C. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current and prior fiscal years.

	Governmer	ntal Activities
	2005	2004
Current and other assets Capital assets	\$ 42,363,538 142,226,495	\$ 38,831,202 142,931,919
Total assets	184,590,033	181,763,121
Long-term liabilities outstanding Other liabilities	34,125,442 21,024,578	33,521,320 34,921,501
Total liabilities	55,150,020	68,442,821
Net assets: Invested in capital assets, net Restricted Unrestricted	118,118,638 8,816,628 <u>2,504,747</u>	103,806,532 8,068,831
Total net assets	\$ <u>129,440,013</u>	\$ <u>113,320,300</u>

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Governme	ntal A	<u>ctivities</u>
	2005		<u>2004</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 11,901,207	\$	11,345,608
Operating grants and			
contributions	47,479,288		45,421,109
Capital grants and contributions	2,065,987		2,963,203
General revenues:			
Property taxes	37,940,677		36,064,822
Excises	4,663,721		4,229,418
Penalties and interest on taxes	273,648		478,881
Grants and contributions not restricted to			
specific programs	5,465,759		4,935,406
Investment income	358,990		250,361
Miscellaneous	<u>1,067,753</u>		<u>276,640</u>
Total revenues	111,217,030		105,965,448

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(continued)	Governmer	ntal Activities
_	2005	2004
Expenses:		
General government	3,945,766	3,115,039
Public safety	12,601,928	11,020,764
Education	60,191,757	54,854,649
Public works	11,662,576	11,028,602
Health and human services	784,911	768,844
Culture and recreation	1,571,881	2,226,555
Employee benefits	13,448,001	13,444,918
Interest on long-term debt	1,131,874	1,584,830
Intergovernmental	2,184,070	2,154,063
Total expenses	107,522,764	100,198,264
Change in net assets before the		
effect of a special item	3,694,266	5,767,184
Special item	12,425,447	
Change in net assets after the effect		
of a special item	16,119,713	-
Net assets - beginning of year	113,320,300	107,553,116
Net assets - end of year	\$ <u>129,440,013</u>	\$ <u>113,320,300</u>

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, total net assets were \$ 129,440,013, an increase of \$ 16,119,713 from the prior year.

By far the largest portion of net assets, \$ 118,118,638, reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., infrastructure, land, buildings, machinery and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net assets, \$8,816,628, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets, \$2,504,747, may be used to meet government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

<u>Governmental activities</u>. Governmental activities for the year resulted in an increase in net assets of \$ 16,119,713. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Fund basis excess of revenues over expenditures of \$ 14,015,402, which is further discussed in the governmental funds section.
- The change resulting from fully accruing accounts receivable balances in fiscal year 2005 (net of allowance for uncollectibles) of \$ 278,125.

- Principal debt expense (included in budget) in excess of depreciation expense (not budgeted for) of \$ 441,492.
- Capital asset purchases of \$ 2,325,523, which were funded by grants and other revenues. The cost of these assets will be recognized over their useful lives as depreciation.
- Health insurance costs in excess of employer/employee contributions of \$ (314,355).
- Other expenses accruals of \$ (626,474).

D. <u>FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS</u>

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

<u>Governmental funds</u>. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 21,843,959, an increase of \$ 17,739,402 in comparison with the prior year. This increase was attributable to an increase of \$ 1,165,193 in the general fund, which is further explained below; capital project activities, including \$ 12,425,447 of Massachusetts School Building Authority grant funds received as reimbursement for costs incurred toward the construction of the City's Skyview Middle School and other non-major fund activities which resulted in a surplus of approximately \$ 4 million.

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$ 7,192,872, while total fund balance was \$ 9,671,534. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 8 percent of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 10.7 percent of that same amount.

The City also maintains a stabilization fund as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws. The stabilization fund's unreserved fund balance at June 30, 2005 was \$ 4,644,655. These funds may be appropriated for any legal purpose.

The fund balance of the general fund increased by \$ 1,165,193 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

Revenues (on a budgetary basis) were more than anticipated by approximately
 \$ 2.7 million and expenditures were under budget by approximately
 \$ 800,000.

- Property tax revenue collected in excess of budget of \$ 727,637.
- Expenditures in the current year, funded by a previous year budget, of \$ (2,782,013).
- Current year expenditure carryforwards to be expended in subsequent year of approximately \$ 2,478,662.
- Use of surplus (free cash) in funding appropriations of approximately \$ (3.1 million).
- Miscellaneous accruals in the current and prior years of \$ 353,798.

E. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Differences between the original budget and the final amended budget resulted in an overall increase in appropriations of \$ 1,898,801. The major reasons for these amendments were:

- Snow and ice salary and expense accounts \$ 643,000.
- Capital improvements \$ 240,000.
- Other departmental salary and expense accounts \$ 1,015,801.

This increase was funded from the following sources:

- Surplus (free cash) \$ 1,454,001.
- Transfers from other funds \$ 444,800.

F. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

<u>Capital assets</u>. Total investment in capital assets for governmental activities at year end amounted to \$ 142,226,495 (net of accumulated depreciation), a decrease of \$ (705,424) from the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, and machinery and equipment.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Approximately \$829,000 for construction in progress of the Skyview Middle School, Southeast School, Library construction, water system improvements, and new fire truck.
- Approximately \$ 495,000 for various building improvements.
- Approximately \$ 243,000 for the purchase of various land parcels.
- Approximately \$ 137,000 for water line and sewer upgrades.
- Approximately \$ 673,000 for the purchase of various vehicles and other equipment.

 Approximately \$ (3,000,000) of depreciation expense incurred in fiscal year 2005.

<u>Long-term debt</u>. At the end of the current fiscal year, total bonded debt outstanding was \$ 31,485,681, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

Additional information on capital assets and long-term debt can be found in the footnotes to the financial statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City of Leominster's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Mr. John J. Richard City Comptroller City of Leominster 25 West Street Leominster, MA 01453

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

		Governmental Activities
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash and short-term investments	\$	30,084,810
Investments		3,166,888
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		
Property taxes		893,109
Excises		583,681
User fees		686,220
Departmental and other		722,448
Intergovernmental		600,164
Noncurrent:		
Receivables:		
Loans		2,426,711
Intergovernmental		3,199,507
Land and construction in progress		76,302,010
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		65,924,485
TOTAL ASSETS		184,590,033
LIABILITIES		, ,
Current:		
		1 000 009
Warrants payable Accounts payable		1,099,008
Accrued payroll and withholdings		84,217 699,027
Deferred revenues		5,800,036
Accrued interest payable		234,773
Accrued claims payable		3,023,004
Notes payable		6,189,553
Other current liabilities		73,928
Current portion of long-term liabilities:		75,320
Bonds payable		3,731,032
Landfill closure		90,000
Noncurrent:		30,000
Bonds payable, net of current portion		27,754,649
Landfill closure, net of current portion		2,250,000
Compensated absences		4,120,793
Component assertate	-	4,120,700
TOTAL LIABILITIES		55,150,020
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		118,118,638
Restricted for:		0.0=0.440
Special revenue funds		6,272,440
Permanent funds:		000 005
Expendable		600,325
Nonexpendable		1,943,863
Unrestricted		2,504,747
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$.	129,440,013
See notes to financial statements.		

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	\$ (2,605,292) (10,293,106) (9,944,367) (5,089,537) (456,823) (923,212) (13,448,001) (1,131,874) (2,184,070)	(46,076,282)	37,940,677 4,663,721 273,648 5,465,759 358,990 1,067,753	49,770,548	3,694,266	12,425,447	16,119,713	113,320,300	\$ 129,440,013
Capital	Grants and Contributions	\$ 253,277 1,511,203 175,707 - 125,800	\$ 2,065,987	cific programs		a special item		special item		
Program Revenues Operating	Grants and Contributions	\$ 892,522 316,194 45,386,683 351,034 240,670 292,185	\$ 47,479,288	Property taxes Excises Penalties, interest and other taxes Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs Investment income Miscellaneous	ser	Change in Net Assets, before the effect of a special item		Change in Net Assets, after the effect of a special item		
	Charges for <u>Services</u>	\$ 447,952 1,739,351 3,349,504 6,046,298 87,418 230,684	\$ 11,901,207	General Revenues: Property taxes Excises Penalties, interest and other taxes Grants and contributions not restric Investment income Miscellaneous	Total general revenues	Change in Net A	Special item	Change in Net A	Net Assets: Beginning of year	End of year
	Expenses	\$ 3,945,766 12,601,928 60,191,757 11,662,576 784,911 1,571,881 13,448,001 1,131,874 2,184,070	\$ 107,522,764							
		Governmental Activities: General government Public safety Education Public works Health and human services Culture and recreation Employee benefits Interest	Total Governmental Activities							See notes to financial statements

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

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ASSETS		S Midd	Stabilization	ဗ	•
	\$ 10,174,281 1,235,118	\$ 122,324 -	\$ 4,644,655 -	\$ 11,405,905 1,931,770	\$ 26,347,165 3,166,888
	2,743,062 931,948 -			760,112	2,743,062 931,948 760,112
	962,309			48,832 3,199,507	3,199,507
	\$ 16.215.741	\$ 122.324	S 4.644.655	\$ 20,203,978	3,026,875
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	11				11
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	699,027 21,920				699,027 21,920
	4,566,107		•	6,608,979	11,175,086
	73,928	3,989,553		2,200,000	6,189,553 73,928
	6,544,207	3,989,553	•	8,808,979	19,342,739
	2,478,662	•		•	2,478,662
Perpetual (nonexpendable) permanent funds nreserved:		•	•	1,943,863	1,943,863
	7,192,872		•		7,192,872
	•	•	4,644,655	6,272,440	10,917,095
		(3,867,229)		2,578,371	600,325 (1,288,858)
	9,671,534	(3,867,229)	4,644,655	11,394,999	21,843,959
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 16,215,741	\$ 122,324	\$ 4,644,655	\$ 20,203,978	\$ 41,186,698
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RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

Total governmental fund balances	\$ 21,843,959
 Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. 	142,226,495
 In the statement of activities, accounts receivable is accrued, net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. In governmental funds, all receivables are deferred, except for property tax received within 60 days after year end. 	2,814,245
 Internal services funds are used by management to account for health insurance and workers' compensation activities. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in the governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets. 	714,641
 In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on out- standing long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due. 	(212,853)
 Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, landfill closure costs and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. 	(37,946,474)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ <u>129,440,013</u>
See notes to financial statements.	

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	General	Skyview Middle School	Stabilization	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Revenues: Property taxes Excises Excises Penalties, interest and other taxes Charges for services Intergovernmental Licenses and permits Fines and forfeitures Investment income Miscellaneous Total Revenues	\$ 37,742,016 4,783,395 273,648 1,089,142 45,121,752 669,927 258,383 358,990 748,111		\$ 	\$ 9,684,617 9,799,399 - - 319,642 19,803,658	\$ 37,742,016 4,783,395 273,648 10,773,759 54,921,151 669,927 258,383 448,873 1,067,753 110,938,905
Expenditures: Current: General government Public safety Education Public works Health and human services Culture and recreation Employee benefits Debt service Intergovernmental Total Expenditures	2,768,834 11,957,205 48,983,776 5,267,704 523,139 1,332,587 13,141,777 3,998,643 2,184,070 90,157,735	- 40,131 		1,074,697 418,882 9,941,930 6,185,620 69,491 864,045 - 19,159,215	3,843,531 12,376,087 58,965,837 11,453,324 592,630 2,196,632 13,141,777 4,603,193 2,184,070
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	887,629	(40,131)	89,883	644,443	1,581,824
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Bond proceeds Operating transfers in Operating transfers out Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	989,283 (711,719) 277,564	79,163	.	3,724,000 619,850 (968,446) 3,375,404	3,724,000 1,688,296 (1,680,165) 3,732,131
Change in fund balance, before the effect of a special item	1,165,193	39,032	89,883	4,019,847	5,313,955
Special item		12,425,447		•	12,425,447
Change in fund balance, after the effect of a special item	1,165,193	12,464,479	89,883	4,019,847	17,739,402
Fund Equity, at Beginning of Year, as restated	- 1	(16,331,708)	4,554,772	7,375,152	
Fund Equity, at End of Year	\$ 9,671,534	\$ (3,867,229)	\$ 4,644,655	\$ 11,394,999	\$ 21,843,959

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	

\$17,739,402

 Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital outlay purchases, net of dispositions 2,325,523

Depreciation, net of dispositions (3,030,947)

 Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue.

278,125

 The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets:

Bond proceeds (3,724,000)
Repayments of debt principal 3,472,439

 In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding longterm debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.

1,120)

 Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences and landfill closure, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

625,354)

• Internal service funds are used by management to account for health insurance and workers' compensation activities. The net activity of internal service funds is reported with Governmental Activities.

314,355)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$ <u>16,119,713</u>

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Variance with Final Budget	Actual Positive (Negative)		37,014,379 \$ -	4,783,395			9			•		325		88,219,202 2,683,382		3,190,230 86,948	2						~			516	84,743,051 792,769	3,476,151 \$ 3,476,151
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Budgeted Amounts	Final Budget		\$ 37,014,379	3,625,000	183,000	1,074,750	38,246,801	531,750	174,000	185,000	748,253	663,329	3,089,558	85,535,820		3,277,178	12,151,938	42,180,682	5,428,833	530,493	1,331,278	4,358,770	2,321,064	13,243,349	711,719	516	85,535,820	φ
Bud	Original Budget		\$ 37,014,379	3,625,000	183,000	1,074,750	38,246,801	531,750	174,000	185,000	748,253	218,529	1,635,557	83,637,019		3,344,343	11,501,906	42,180,682	4,458,104	517,615	1,246,702	4,239,020	2,321,064	13,125,348	701,719	516	83,637,019	\$
		Revenues and Other Sources:	Taxes	Excise	Penalties, interest and other taxes	Charges for services	Intergovernmental	Licenses and permits	Fines and forfeits	Investment income	Miscellaneous	Transfers in	Other sources	Total Revenues and Other Sources	Expenditures and Other Uses:	General government	Public safety	Education	Public works	Health and human services	Culture and recreation	Debt service	Intergovernmental	Employee benefits	Transfers out	Other uses	Total Expenditures and Other Uses	Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

Governmental
Activities
Internal
Service
Fund

ASSETS

Current:

Cash and short-term investments \$\,\,\,_3,737,645

TOTAL ASSETS 3,737,645

LIABILITIES

Current:

Accrued liabilities 3,023,004

TOTAL LIABILITIES 3,023,004

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted 714,641

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$ <u>714,641</u>

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Governmental <u>Activities</u> Internal Service <u>Fund</u>
Operating Revenues: Employee and employer contributions	\$ 12,619,365
Total Operating Revenues	12,619,365
Operating Expenses: Employee benefits	12,965,722
Total Operating Expenses	12,965,722
Operating Income (Loss)	(346,357)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses): Investment income	40,133
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses), Net	40,133
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(306,224)
Transfers: Operating transfers in Operating transfers (out)	91,869 (100,000)
Total Transfers	(8,131)
Change in net assets	(314,355)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,028,996
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ <u>714,641</u>

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005		
		Governmental <u>Activities</u> Internal Service <u>Fund</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Receipts from employees and employer	\$	12,619,365
Payments of employee benefits and expenses	_	(12,435,159)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		184,206
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:		
Operating transfers in		91,869
Operating transfers (out)	-	(100,000)
Net Cash (Used For) Noncapital Financing Activities		(8,131)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment income	_	40,133
Net Cash Provided By Investing Activities	_	40,133
Net Change in Cash and Short-Term Investments		216,208
Cash and Short-Term Investments, Beginning of Year	_	3,521,437
Cash and Short-Term Investments, End of Year	\$ =	3,737,645
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash		
Provided by (Used For) Operating Activities:		
Operating (loss)	\$	(346,357)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accrued liabilities	-	530,563
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ =	184,206
See notes to financial statements.		

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS	Agency <u>Funds</u>	Pension Trust Fund (As of December 31, 2004)
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 349,547	\$ 232,873
Investments	-	69,329,987
Accounts receivable	28,288	146,515
Total Assets	377,835	69,709,375
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Deferred revenue	-	1,843,494
Other liabilities	_377,835_	-
Total Liabilities	377,835	1,843,494
NET ASSETS		
Total net assets held in trust for pension		
benefits	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u>67,865,881</u>

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

		Pension Trust Fund
Additions:		
Contributions:		
Employers	\$	3,576,178
Other systems and Commonwealth of Massachusetts		436,419
Plan members		2,029,060
Total contributions		6,041,657
Investment Income (Loss):		
Interest and dividends		3,248,905
Increase in fair value of investments		4,406,195
Less management fees		(99,335)
Net investment income		7,555,765
Total additions		13,597,422
Deductions:		
Benefit payments to plan members and beneficiaries		5,635,010
Refunds to plan members		331,820
Reimbursements to other systems		119,005
Administrative expenses		126,794
Total deductions	-	6,212,629
Net increase		7,384,793
Net assets:		
Beginning of year		60,481,088
End of year	\$,	67,865,881

City of Leominster, Massachusetts

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the City of Leominster (the City) conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The government is a municipal corporation governed by an elected City Council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the government and applicable component units for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. In fiscal year 2005, it was determined that no entities met the required GASB-39 criteria of component units.

Blended Component Units - Blended component units are entities that are legally separate, but are so related that they are, in substance, the same as the primary government, providing services entirely or almost entirely for the benefit of the primary government. The following component unit is blended within the primary government:

In the Fiduciary Funds: The Leominster Contributory Retirement System which was established to provide retirement benefits primarily to employees and their beneficiaries. The System is presented using the accrual basis of accounting and is reported as a pension trust fund in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Additional financial information of the System can be obtained by contacting the System located at Leominster City Hall, 25 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and con-

tributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function of segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. <u>Measurement Focus</u>, <u>Basis of Accounting</u>, <u>and Financial Statement Presentation</u>

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes and excises.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers property tax revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

- The general fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- The Skyview Middle School capital project fund, which accounts for the resources obtained and used for the construction of Skyview Middle School.
- The stabilization fund, an account authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Subsection 5B from which the City can appropriate for any legal purpose.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989 generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the *option* of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

The government reports the following proprietary fund:

 Internal Service Funds - To account for goods or services provided by one City department or agency to other City departments or agencies.
 The City accounts for its self-insured health and workers compensation funds as internal service funds.

The pension trust fund accounts for the activities of the Employees Contributory Retirement System, which accumulates resources for pension benefit payments to qualified employees.

D. Cash and Short-Term Investments

Cash balances from all funds, except those required to be segregated by law, are combined to form a consolidation of cash. Cash balances are invested to the extent available, and interest earnings are recognized in the

General Fund. Certain special revenue, proprietary, and fiduciary funds segregate cash, and investment earnings become a part of those funds.

Deposits with financial institutions consist primarily of demand deposits, certificates of deposits, and savings accounts. A cash and investment pool is maintained that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion of this pool is reflected on the combined financial statements under the caption "cash and cash equivalents". The interest earnings attributable to each fund type is included under investment income.

For purpose of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary funds consider investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

E. Investments

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available. Deposits in any financial institution may not exceed certain levels within the financial institution. Non-fiduciary fund investments can be made in securities issued by or unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. Government or agencies that have a maturity of one year or less from the date of purchase and repurchase agreements guaranteed by such securities with maturity dates of no more than 90 days from the date of purchase.

Investments consist of marketable securities, bonds and short-term money market investments. Investments are carried at market value.

F. Property Tax Limitations

Legislation known as "Proposition 2 1/2" limits the amount of revenue that can be derived from property taxes. The prior fiscal year's tax levy limit is used as a base and cannot increase by more than 2.5 percent (excluding new growth), unless an override or debt exemption is voted. The actual fiscal year 2005 tax levy reflected an excess capacity of \$5,142,275.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$ 20,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant and equipment of the primary government is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	40
Building improvements	20
Water/sewer infrastructure	25
Vehicles	5 - 10
Office equipment	5
Computer equipment	5

H. Compensated Absences

It is the government's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vested sick and vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide, proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets.

J. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

K. Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements, and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. Budgetary Information

The Mayor presents an operating and capital budget for the proposed expenditures of the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget, as enacted by the City Council, establishes the legal level of control and specifies that certain appropriations are to be funded by particular revenues. The original budget is amended during the fiscal year at City Council meetings as required by changing conditions. In cases of extraordinary or unforeseen expenses, the City Council is empowered to transfer funds from the Reserve Fund (a contingency appropriation) to a departmental appropriation. "Extraordinary" includes expenses which are not in the usual line, or are great or exceptional. "Unforeseen" includes expenses which are not foreseen as of the time of the annual meeting when appropriations are voted.

Departments are limited to the line items as voted. Certain items may exceed the line item budget as approved if it is for an emergency and for the safety of the general public. These items are limited by the Massachusetts General Laws and must be raised in the next year's tax rate.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund. Effective budgetary control is achieved for all other funds through provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.

At year end, appropriation balances lapse, except for certain unexpended capital items and encumbrances which will be honored during the subsequent year.

B. <u>Budgetary Basis</u>

The General Fund final appropriation appearing on the "Budget and Actual" page of the fund financial statements represents the final amended budget after all reserve fund transfers and supplemental appropriations.

C. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation

The budgetary data for the general and certain special revenue funds is based upon accounting principles that differ from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Therefore, in addition to the GAAP basis financial statements, the results of operations of the general, water and sewer funds are presented in accordance with budgetary accounting principles to provide a meaningful comparison with budgetary data.

The following is a summary of adjustments made to the actual revenues and other sources, and expenditures and other uses, to conform to the budgetary basis of accounting.

	_	
	Revenues and Other	Expenditures and Other
General Fund	Financing Sources	Financing Uses
Revenues/Expenditures (GAAP basis)	\$ 91,045,364	\$ 90,157,735
Other financing sources/uses (GAAP basis)	989,283	711,719
Adjust tax revenue to accrual basis	(727,637)	-
Reverse beginning of year appropriation carryforwards from expenditures	-	(2,782,013)
Add end of year appropriation	-	2,478,662
To reverse the effect of non- budgeted State contributions for teachers retirement	(6,177,366)	(6,177,366)
To reverse the effect of GAAP accruals	•	353,798
Recognize use of fund balance as funding source/use	_3,089,558	516
Budgetary basis	\$ <u>88,219,202</u>	\$ <u>84,743,051</u>
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Water Fund		
Revenues/Expenditures (GAAP basis)	\$ 3,452,027	\$ 3,410,123
Other financing sources/ uses (GAAP basis)	242,600	314,626
Reverse beginning of year appropriation carryforwards from expenditures	-	(160,551)
Add end of year appropriation carryforwards to expenditures		<u>130,429</u>
Budgetary basis	\$ <u>3,694,627</u>	\$ <u>3,694,627</u>
Sewer Fund		
Revenues/Expenditures (GAAP basis)	\$ 2,563,550	\$ 2,886,497
Other financing sources/uses (GAAP basis)	91,250	11,328
Reverse beginning of year appropriation carryforwards from expenditures	-	(349,230)
Add end of year appropriation carryforwards to expenditures		<u>106,205</u>
Budgetary basis	\$ <u>2,654,800</u>	\$ <u>2,654,800</u>

D. <u>Deficit Fund Equity</u>

The following funds had deficits as of June 30, 2005:

Capital Project Funds:	
Skyview Middle School	\$ 3,867,229
Southeast Street School Plan	750,410
Special Revenue Funds:	
Perkins Non-Trade Training - FY 05	10,486
Idea SPED Entitlement - FY 02	10,914
Class Size Reduction - FY 01	8,136
COPS Fast - FY 00	12,766
Parent Program - FY 05	20,437
Literacy Support - FY 03	15,686
Summer Support - FY 03	7,611

The deficits in these funds will be eliminated through future departmental revenues, bond proceeds, and transfers from other funds.

3. Cash and Short-Term Investments

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. Massachusetts general law Chapter 44, section 55, limits deposits "in a bank or trust company or banking company to an amount not exceeding sixty per cent of the capital and surplus of such bank or trust company or banking company, unless satisfactory security is given to it by such bank or trust company or banking company for such excess." The City and the Contributory Retirement System do not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

As of June 30, 2005, \$23,582,943 of the City's bank balance of \$32,460,577 was exposed to custodial credit risk as uninsured, uncollateralized, and collateral held by pledging bank's trust department not in the City's name.

As of December 31, 2004, \$ 70,325 of the Contributory Retirement System's bank balance of \$ 594,774 was exposed to custodial risk as uninsured, uncollateralized, and collateral held by pledging bank's Trust Department not in the System's name.

4. <u>Investments</u>

A. Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. For short-term investments that were purchased using surplus revenues, Massachusetts general law, chapter 44, section 55, limits investments to the top rating issued by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSROs).

Presented below is the actual rating as of year end for each investment type of the City.

		Minimum	Exempt	Rating	g as of Yea	r End
Investment Type	Fair <u>Value</u>	Legal <u>Rating</u>	From <u>Disclosure</u>	AAA	<u>AA2</u>	<u>AA3</u>
Certificates of deposits Corporate equities Mutual funds Federal agency securities	\$ 2,864,536 128,074 88,358 85,920	N/A N/A N/A	\$ 2,864,536 128,074 88,358	\$ - - 85,920	\$ - - - -	\$ - - - -
Total investments	\$ <u>3,166,888</u>		\$ <u>3,080,968</u>	\$ <u>85,920</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u> - </u>

Presented below is the actual rating as of year end for each investment type of the contributory retirement system.

		Minimum	Exempt	Rating	g as of Yea	r End
Investment Type	Fair <u>Value</u>	Legal <u>Rating</u>	From <u>Disclosure</u>	AAA	<u>Aa</u>	<u>A</u>
Pooled domestic fixed			•	_	_	_
income funds	\$ 3,338,291	N/A	\$ 3,338,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled global equity funds	31,560,810	N/A	31,560,810	-	-	-
Pooled international equity						
funds	8,804,655	N/A	8,804,655	-	-	-
Pooled domestic equity						
funds	25,395,250	N/A	25,395,250	-	-	-
State investment pool *	230,981	N/A	230,981	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total investments	\$ <u>69,329,987</u>		\$ <u>69,329,987</u>	\$ <u> - </u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u></u>

*Fair value is the same as the value of the pool share. The Pension Reserves Investment Trust was created under Massachusetts general law, chapter 32, section 22, in December 1983. The Pension Reserves Investment Trust is operated under contract with a private investment advisor, approved by the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board. The Pension Reserves Investment Management Board shall choose an investment advisor by requesting proposals from advisors and reviewing such proposals based on criteria adopted under Massachusetts general law, chapter 30B.

B. Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The City does not have policies for custodial credit risk.

C. Concentration of Credit Risk

The City places no limit on the amount the City may invest in any one issuer. Investments in any one issuer (other than U.S. Treasury securities and mutual funds) that represent 5% or more of total investments are as follows:

Certificates of deposit: Morgan Stanley

\$ <u>2,864,536</u>

D. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the City's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is as follows:

		Investment Maturities (in Years)			3)
Investment Type	Fair <u>Value</u>	Less <u>Than 1</u>	<u>1 - 5</u>	<u>6 - 10</u>	More <u>Than 10</u>
Certificates of deposit Corporate equities Mutual funds Federal agency securities	\$ 2,864,536 128,074 88,358 85,920	\$ 1,869,583 N/A N/A 	\$ 994,953 - - - 85,920	\$ - - - 	\$ - - - -
Total	\$ <u>3,166,888</u>	\$ <u>1,869,583</u>	\$ <u>1,080,873</u>	\$	\$

E. Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in foreign exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The City does not have policies for foreign currency risk.

5. <u>Taxes Receivable</u>

Real estate and personal property taxes are levied and based on values assessed on January 1 of every year. Assessed values are established by the Board of Assessor's for 100% of the estimated fair market value. Taxes are due on a quarterly basis and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Real estate and personal property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year they relate to.

Fourteen days after the due date for the final tax bill for real estate taxes, a demand notice may be sent to the delinquent taxpayer. Fourteen days after the demand notice has been sent, the tax collector may proceed to file a lien against the delinquent taxpayers' property. The City has an ultimate right to foreclose on property for unpaid taxes. Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process.

Taxes receivable at June 30, 2005 consist of the following (in thousands):

Real Estate 2005 2004 2003 and Prior	\$ 654 4 <u>10</u>	668	
Personal Property 2005 2004 2003 and Prior	26 28 <u>238</u>	292	
Tax Liens		1,451	
Tax Foreclosure		318	
Taxes in Litigation		<u>14</u>	
Total		\$ <u>2,743</u>	

6. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The receivables reported in the accompanying entity-wide financial statements reflect the following estimated allowances for doubtful accounts (in thousands):

	<u>Governmental</u>
Property taxes	\$ 1,850
Excises	348
Utilities	74
Other departmental	289

7. Intergovernmental and Loans Receivables

The current intergovernmental receivable balance reported in the accompanying entity-wide financial statements represents reimbursements requested from Federal and State agencies for expenditures incurred in fiscal 2005.

The non-current balance primarily represents various deferred payment loans made to residents through the City's Federal and State grant programs. The non-current portion of receivables has been deferred.

The loan receivable balance represents grant funds received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Housing Development Grant (HDG) program. The City subsequently loaned these funds to Whitney Carriage Associates Limited Partnership for the purpose of rehabilitating and constructing 181 units of housing (45 of which were to be low-income units) in the City of Leominster. The loan is subordinate to

loans made by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Authority (MHFA). The balance of the loan has been deferred as the City does not anticipate it being repaid.

8. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2005 was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending Balance
Capital assets, being depreciated: Buildings Buildings and land improvements Machinery, equipment, and furnishings Infrastructure	\$ 77,789,009 13,922,644 7,008,355 	\$ - 494,907 673,173 137,146	\$ (27,300) - - -	\$ 77,761,709 14,417,551 7,681,528 2,463,249
Total capital assets, being depreciated	101,046,111	1,305,226	(27,300)	102,324,037
Less accumulated depreciation for: Buildings Buildings and land improvements Machinery, equipment, and furnishings Infrastructure	(25,924,704) (3,594,123) (3,807,696) (42,082)	(1,805,401) (810,271) (377,964) (41,495)	4,184 - - - 	(27,725,921) (4,404,394) (4,185,660) (83,577)
Total accumulated depreciation	(_33,368,605)	(<u>3,035,131</u>)	4,184	(<u>36,399,552</u>)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net Capital assets, not being depreciated:	67,677,506	(1,729,905)	(23,116)	65,924,485
Land	73,688,500	242,900	(24,700)	73,906,700
Construction in progress	<u>1,565,913</u>	945,597	(<u>116,200</u>)	<u>2,395,310</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>75,254,413</u>	<u>1,188,497</u>	(<u>140,900</u>)	76,302,010
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ <u>142,931,919</u>	\$ (<u>541,408</u>)	\$ (<u>164,016</u>)	\$ <u>142,226,495</u>

Note: The City has not yet capitalized all infrastructure assets for governmental activities.

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the City as follows:

General government	\$ 122,346
Public safety	377,867
Education	1,639,985
Public works	514,147
Health and human services	195,406
Culture and recreation	<u> 185,380</u>
Total depreciation expense	\$ <u>3,035,131</u>

9. Warrants and Accounts Payable

Warrants payable represent 2005 expenditures paid by July 15, 2005 as permitted by law. Accounts payable represent additional 2005 expenditures paid after July 15, 2005.

10. <u>Deferred Revenue</u>

Governmental funds report *deferred revenue* in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period.

The balance of the General Fund deferred revenues account is equal to the total of all June 30, 2005 receivable balances, except real and personal property taxes that are accrued for subsequent 60 day collections.

11. Notes Payable

The City had the following notes outstanding at June 30, 2005:

	Interest	Date of	Date of	Balance at
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	June 30, 2005
Bond anticipation Bond anticipation	2.74%	5/11/05	11/10/05	\$ 2,200,000
	2.50%	5/11/05	5/11/06	<u>3,989,553</u>
Total				\$ <u>6,189,553</u>

The following summarizes activity in notes payable during fiscal year 2005:

	Balance			Balance
	Beginning	New		End of
	of Year	<u>Issues</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Year</u>
Bond anticipation	\$ 21,090,000	\$ <u>27,404,553</u>	\$ (<u>42,305,000</u>)	\$ <u>6,189,553</u>

12. Other Liabilities

This balance consists primarily of unclaimed checks (tailings).

13. Long-Term Debt

A. General Obligation Bonds

The City issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

	Serial		Amount Outstanding
	Maturities	Interest	as of
Bonds Payable:	<u>Through</u>	Rate(s)%	<u>June 30, 2005</u>
School refunding	4/01/09	5.63	\$ 6,010,000
Municipal buildings refunding	11/01/10	2.75 - 3.75	1,740,000
Skyview Middle School	5/15/13	3.25 - 4.00	6,000,000
School refunding	4/01/14	4.29	5,345,000
Sewer inflow/infiltration (MWPAT)	8/01/18	1.50	942,300

(continued)

(continued) Bonds Payable:	Serial Maturities <u>Through</u>	Interest <u>Rate(s)%</u>	Amount Outstanding as of June 30, 2005
Sewer inflow/infiltration (MWPAT Harvard Street sewer (MWPAT)	8/01/19 8/01/19	1.50 1.50	1,894,943 1,248,558
Water (MWPAT) Harvard Street sewer (MWPAT)	8/01/19 8/01/19	1.50 1.50	3,596,746 984,134
Water improvements `	5/01/25	3.50 - 5.00	3,724,000
Total Bonds Payable:			\$ <u>31,485,681</u>

B. State Revolving Loan

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sponsors a low interest rate loan program. The loans are administered by the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (MWPAT) and are used by local communities to improve their public works systems.

The City's loan authorizations and status are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Issued</u>
Sewer inflow/infiltration	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,270,700
Sewer inflow/infiltration	2,400,000	2,386,011
Water treatment facility	4,500,000	4,489,993
Harvard Street sewer	2,840,000	2,766,028

In addition to offering these loans at a reduced interest rate, MWPAT has also subsidized the loan principal as follows:

		Original <u>Loan</u>		rincipal Subsidy	Re	Net epayment
Loan #97-26 Loan #97-67 Loan #98-41 Loan #99-08 Loan #99-126 Loan #99-126A	\$	295,000 975,700 2,386,011 4,489,993 1,674,173 1,092,755	\$ (((_ (_ (62,179) 205,633) 572,893) 925,395) 396,744) 248,660)	3	232,821 770,067 ,813,118 8,564,598 ,277,429 844,095
Total	\$ _	10,913,632	\$ (<u>2</u>	<u>,411,504</u>)	\$ 8	3,502,128

C. Future Debt Service

The annual principal payments to retire all general obligation long-term debt outstanding as of June 30, 2005 are as follows:

Governmental	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2006	\$ 3,731,032	\$ 1,096,512	\$ 4,827,544
2007	3,803,109	948,338	4,751,447
2008	3,885,594	794,632	4,680,226
2009	3,973,812	633,558	4,607,370
2010	2,348,426	462,372	2,810,798
2011 - 2015	8,601,914	1,245,581	9,847,495
2016 - 2020	4,216,794	372,166	4,588,960
2021 - 2025	925,000	<u> 117,292</u>	1,042,292
Total	\$ <u>31,485,681</u>	\$ <u>5,670,451</u>	\$ 37,156,132

D. Changes in General Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities:

	Total Balance <u>7/1/04</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Reductions	Total Balance <u>6/30/05</u>	Less Current <u>Portion</u>	Equals Long-Term Portion 6/30/05
Governmental Activities						
Bonds payable	\$ 31,234,120	\$ 3,724,000	\$ (3,472,439)	\$ 31,485,681	\$ (3,731,032)	\$ 27,754,649
Other:						
Landfill closure	2,046,600	293,400	-	2,340,000	(90,000)	2,250,000
Accrued employee						
benefits	<u>3,788,839</u>	<u>331,954</u>		<u>4,120,793</u>		<u>4,120,793</u>
Totals	\$ <u>37,069,559</u>	\$ <u>4,349,354</u>	\$ (<u>3,472,439</u>)	\$ <u>37,946,474</u>	\$ (<u>3,821,032</u>)	\$ <u>34,125,442</u>

14. Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Care Costs

State and Federal laws and regulations require the City to place a final cover on its landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. The City's landfill has been closed for several years and the City has filed a formal closure and monitoring plan with the Commonwealth. The \$ 2,340,000 reported as landfill post-closure care liability at June 30, 2005 represents the annual cost of monitoring, currently estimated at \$ 90,000, for the next 26 years. This amount is based on what it would cost to perform all post-closure care in 2005. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. The city expects to fund the cost of monitoring through annual departmental appropriations.

15. Restricted Net Assets

The accompanying entity-wide financial statements report restricted net assets when external constraints from grantors or contributors are placed on net assets.

Permanent fund restricted net assets are segregated between nonexpendable and expendable. The nonexpendable portion represents the original restricted principal contribution, and the expendable represents accumulated earnings which are available to be spent based on donor restrictions.

16. Reserves of Fund Equity

"Reserves" of fund equity are established to segregate fund balances which are either not available for expenditure in the future or are legally set aside for a specific future use.

The following types of reserves are reported at June 30, 2005:

Reserved for Encumbrances - An account used to segregate that portion of fund balance committed for expenditure of financial resources upon vendor performance.

Reserved for Perpetual Funds - Represents the principal of the nonexpendable trust fund investments. The balance cannot be spent for any purpose; however, it may be invested and the earnings may be spent.

17. Special Item

Special items are significant transactions or events within the control of management that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. In fiscal year 2005, the City experienced the effect of a special item, resulting from the receipt of Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funds equal to 75 percent of the MSBA's reimbursement for the costs related to the construction of the Skyview Middle School. This special item resulted in a one-time gain of \$12,425,447.

18. Subsequent Events

Debt

Subsequent to June 30, 2005, the City has incurred the following additional debt:

	Amount	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity <u>Date</u>
Bond anticipation note	\$ 5,275,000	4%	11/09/05	<u></u> 5/11/06

19. Commitments and Contingencies

<u>Grants</u> - Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute

a liability of the applicable funds. The amount of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the City expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Sewer Infiltration/Inflow Project - The City is under a 1996 Administrative Consent Order issued by the Department of Environmental Protection to improve its sewer inflow/infiltration system. The City funded the first two phases of the remediation through a low-interest loan program administered by the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund (MWPAT). The projects were substantially completed at the end of fiscal year 2002. The related loan balances of \$ 942,300 and \$ 1,894,943 are reported as long-term obligations of the City. The final phase of remediation is expected to begin in September 2005 and is expected to cost approximately \$ 2.5 million, which the City intends to fund through a combination of grant and bond proceeds.

In June 2002, the City received an Administrative Consent Order and Notice of Noncompliance for not fully complying with the 1996 consent order. It is anticipated that the June 2002 order will be satisfied by continued maintenance in conjunction with operational monitoring, to be funded through annual departmental operations.

<u>Sludge Disposal Agreement</u> - In 1989 the City entered into a 30-year agreement with the City of Fitchburg for sludge removal. The agreement may be terminated with one year's notice. The cost is appropriated annually and is based on actual usage, which is estimated to be approximately \$ 550,000 per year.

20. Post-Employment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

The City has accepted Chapter 32B of Massachusetts General Laws to provide for health care and life insurance benefits to retirees, their dependents, or their survivors. These benefits are provided through the City's group plans. The cost of these benefits are included in the total cost of benefits for both active and retired employees. The number of participants currently eligible to receive benefits, and the cost of benefits for retirees, their dependents, or their survivors for the years ended June 30, 2005 was not available.

21. Contributory Retirement System

A. Plan Description and Contribution Information

Substantially all employees of the City (except teachers and administrators under contract employed by the School Department) are members of the Leominster Contributory Retirement System (LCRS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit PERS. Eligible employees must participate in the LCRS. The pension plan provides pension benefits, deferred allowances, and death and disability benefits. Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts Gen-

eral Laws establishes the authority of the LCRS Retirement Board. Chapter 32 also establishes contribution percentages and benefits paid. The LCRS Retirement Board does not have the authority to amend benefit provisions. As required by Massachusetts General Laws, the System issues a separate report to the Commonwealth's Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission.

Membership of each plan consisted of the following at January 1, 2004, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	369
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet	
receiving benefits	41
Active plan members	<u>613</u>
Total	<u>1,023</u>
Number of participating employers	2

Employee contribution percentages are specified in Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The percentage is determined by the participant's date of entry into the system. All employees hired after January 1, 1979 contribute an additional 2% on all gross regular earnings over the rate of \$ 30,000 per year. The percentages are as follows:

Before January 1, 1975	5%
January 1, 1975 - December 31, 1983	7%
January 1, 1984 - June 30, 1996	8%
Beginning July 1, 1996	9%

Employers are required to contribute at actuarially determined rates as accepted by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC).

B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

<u>Basis of Accounting</u> - Contributory retirement system financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

<u>Method Used to Value Investments</u> - Investments are reported in accordance with PERAC requirements.

C. Teachers

As required by State statutes, teachers of the City are covered by the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System (MTRS). The MTRS is funded by contributions from covered employees and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The City is not required to contribute.

All persons employed on at least a half-time basis, who are covered under a contractual agreement requiring certification by the Board of Education are eligible, and must participate in the MTRS.

Based on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' retirement laws, employees covered by the pension plan must contribute a percentage of gross earnings into the pension fund. The percentage is determined by the participants date of entry into the system and gross earnings, up to \$ 30,000, as follows:

Before January 1, 1975	5%
January 1, 1975 - December 31, 1983	7%
January 1, 1984 - June 30, 1996	8%
Beginning July 1, 1996	9%

Effective January 1, 1990, all participants hired after January 1, 1979, must pay an additional 2% of salary in excess of \$ 30,000. The City's current year covered payroll for teachers was not available.

In fiscal year 2005, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts contributed \$6,177,366 to the MTRS on behalf of the City. This is included in the education expenditures and intergovernmental revenues in the general fund.

22. Self Insurance

The City self insures against claims for workers compensation, dental and health insurance coverage. Annual estimated requirements for claims are provided in the City's annual operating budget.

Workers Compensation

The City contracts with an insurance consultant for claims processing of the City's workers compensation policy. Under the terms of its insurance coverage, the City is liable for up to \$ 100,000 per person per year with an aggregate liability of \$ 200,000, with a maximum of \$ 5,000,000. At June 30, 2005, there was no liability for unpaid claims as the City estimates the amount, if any, to be immaterial.

Health Insurance

The City contracts with an insurance carrier for excess liability coverage and an insurance consultant for claims processing of its dental and health insurance plans. Under the terms of its insurance coverage, the City is liable for dental costs incurred up to \$1,000 per enrollee per year and medical claims up to \$100,000 per incident, with a lifetime maximum of \$2 million per enrollee. The policy also includes an aggregate maximum of 125 percent of premiums per policy year. The City's health insurance plans are retrospectively rated (i.e., level monthly payment amounts are adjusted quarterly to reflect actual claims paid). The claims liability at June 30, 2005 represents an estimate of claims incurred but unpaid at year end, based on past historical costs and claims paid subsequent to year end.

Changes in the aggregate liability for claims for the year ended June 30, 2005 are as follows:

Claims liability, July 1, 2004	\$ 2,492,441
Claims incurred/recognized in fiscal year 2005	12,965,722
Claims paid in fiscal year 2005	(<u>12,435,159</u>)
Claims liability, June 30, 2005	\$ <u>3,023,004</u>

23. Beginning Fund Balance Reclassification

The City's major governmental funds for fiscal year 2005, as defined by GASB Statement 34, have changed from the previous fiscal year. Accordingly, the following reconciliation is provided:

	Fund Balance June 30, 2004 (as previously		Fund Balance June 30, 2004
<u>Fund</u>	reported)	Reclassification	(as restated)
Water System Improvements Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$ (554,073) 7,929,225	\$ 554,073 (<u>554,073</u>)	\$ - <u>7,375,152</u>
Total	\$ 7.375.152	\$	\$ 7.375.152

CITY OF LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions

The following schedules are presented in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 25.

<u>Schedule of Funding Progress</u> (in thousands):

Actuarial Valuation <u>Date</u>	Actuarial Value of Assets (<u>a</u>)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (<u>a/b)</u>	Covered Payroll <u>(c)</u>	UAAL as a Percent- age of Covered Payroll [(b - a)/c]
1/01/04 1/01/01 1/01/98 1/01/95	\$ 62,214 \$ 52,941 \$ 41,568 \$ 24,578	\$ 92,559 \$ 77,053 \$ 68,432 \$ 49.024	\$ 30,345 \$ 24,112 \$ 26,864 \$ 24,446	67.0% 68.7% 60.7% 50.1%	\$ 20,658 \$ 18,178 \$ 15,254 \$ 11,638	147% 133% 176% 210%
1/01/92	\$ 19,797	\$ 42,516	\$ 22,719	46.6%	\$ 10,700	212%

Schedule of Employer Contributions:

Year Ended <u>June 30</u>	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
1998	\$ 2,813,077	100%
1999	3,074,811	100%
2000	2,817,657	100%
2001	2,950,183	100%
2002	3,060,645	100%
2003	3,332,948	100%
2004	3,555,376	100%
2005	3,686,988	100%

The required information presented above was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

Valuation date	January 1, 2004
Actuarial cost method	Entry age, normal cost
Amortization method	Approximate level percent of payroll closed
Remaining amortization period	12 years
Asset valuation method	Market value adjusted by payables and receivables
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	8%
Projected salary increases	4.75%
Cost of living adjustments	To be funded by City

See Independent Auditors' Report.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

ANNUALLY BUDGETED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Budgete	Budgeted Amounts		Variance with Final Budget
WATER	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual <u>Amounts</u>	Positive (Negative)
Revenues and Other Sources: Charges for services Intergovemmental Transfers in	\$ 3,200,000 28,835 242,600	\$ 3,200,000 28,835 242,600	\$ 3,423,192 28,835 242,600	\$ 223,192
Total Revenues and Other Sources	3,471,435	3,471,435	3,694,627	223,192
Expenditures and Other Uses: Public works Debt service Transfers out	3,179,375 292,060	3,179,375 292,060 -	3,109,031 270,970 314,626	70,344 21,090 (314,626)
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	3,471,435	3,471,435	3,694,627	(223,192)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	φ	·	- -	У
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Revenues and Other Sources: Charges for services Intergovernmental Transfers in	\$ 2,500,000 55,252 91,250	\$ 2,500,000 55,252 91,250	\$ 2,508,298 55,252 91,250	\$ 8,298
Total Revenues and Other Sources	2,646,502	2,646,502	2,654,800	8,298
Expenditures and Other Uses: Public works Debt service Transfers out	2,303,882 342,620	2,303,882 342,620	2,309,892 333,580 11,328	(6,010) 9,040 (11,328)
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	2,646,502	2,646,502	2,654,800	(8,298)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	₩	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· •	Н

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